

### **REMARKS**

#### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 9-12 are withdrawn from examination as being directed to a separate invention. Claims 1-8 are currently under examination.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein to place claims 1-9 in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typo.

Claims 2-8 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

#### **Objection**

Claim 1 is objected to as containing nonelected subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete nonelected subject matter. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims, claims 2-8, are allowable.

#### **Rejoinder**

Applicants respectfully point out that MPEP 821.04(b) requires that once a product claim is found allowable, withdrawn method claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim must be rejoined. Thus, once a claim (claims 1-7) directed to a product is found allowable, withdrawn method claims (claim 8 and 9) which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed claim must be rejoined.

#### **Conclusion**

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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